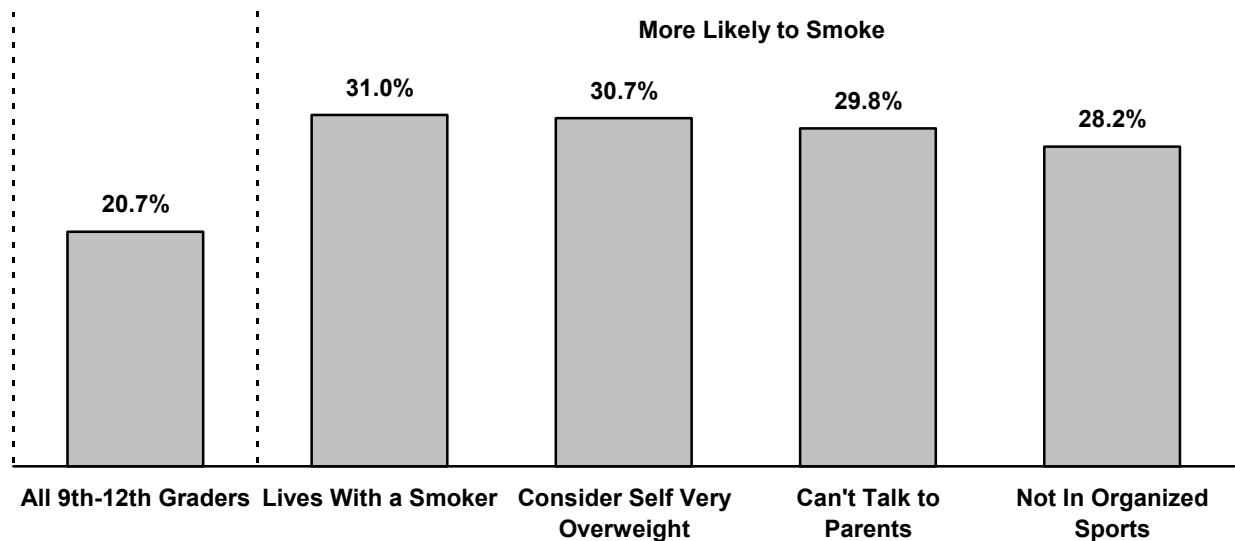


Massachusetts Youth: Who smokes?

- 20.7 percent of high school youth (grades 9 to 12) are smokers.
- 23.3 percent of female high school students smoke.
18.3 of male high school students smoke
- Current smoking rates are higher among high school students who:
 - live with a smoker (31.0 percent)
 - perceive themselves as very overweight (30.7 percent)
 - report that they are unable to talk to their parents about important things (29.8 percent)
 - did not participate in organized sports in the past year (28.2 percent)
- An estimated 20.6 percent of middle school students (grades 6 through 8) have tried smoking cigarettes.



Source: 2004 Massachusetts Youth Health Survey (Massachusetts Department of Public Health).
Current cigarette smoking is based on smoking at least one cigarette in the last 30 days.